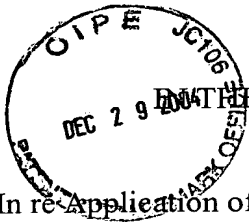


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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Melvin C. Marcelo, for confirmation that the reference listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 9, 2004 has been considered.

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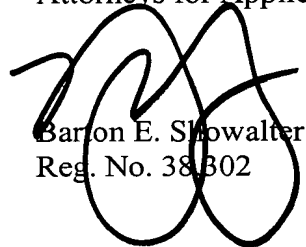
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Accordingly, **Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Marcelo is requested to initial the reference listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that it was appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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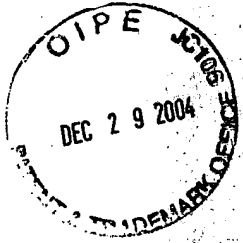
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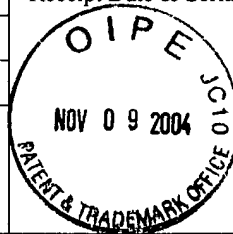
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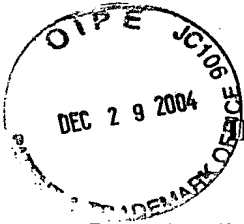
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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the reference is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that the reference is material to the patentability of the present application, or that the reference qualifies as prior art.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) before the issuance of a first Office Action and, therefore, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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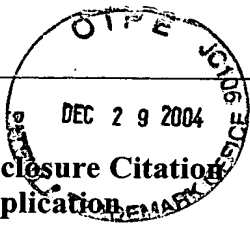


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